STATE PAWN SHOPS

Lending Money Upon Property, As Old As Society.

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The Mont de Piete a Great Success in Paris-It's Run in the Interest of the Poor Under Direct Government Control, and Is a Boon to Bumble Folk.

Lending money upon property great and small is probably as old as human society itself. But it was not until Middle Ages that authority stepped in to prevent abuses in this connection and protect the masses of the people from usurers.

In the middle of the fifteenth centary there was between the church and the monarchs a third power. which, although it worked in secret, nevertheless dictated terms to the proudest nobles. This power was the purse of the Jew.

in 1464 Plus II. opened the first State Pawnshop in beautiful old Perugia-that ancient cradle of art on the quiet Umbrian Hills. The idea was to relieve the peasants and humble laborers who unquestionably often passed their lives in atter servitude to the money-lenders.

The necessary capital was obtained by plous appeals to the rich and poble, and in a few years branches were founded in every city in Italy, For generations thereafter these establishments were under church control, but gradually they became a part of the public service.

The system took three centuries to cross the Alps into France, it was in 1775 that M. Necker, the famous minuster of Louis XVI, caused the first lantern of the Mont de Piete to be hung out in Paris. Twelve years later, however, the revolution broke out and the constituent assembly decided to close up the short-lived institution.

Naturally enough the old pawnbrokers and usurers at once resum-d business and were more extoyticuate than ever, the game being now age tirely in their hands under peculiarly advantageous conditions. Their oppression indeed became so great an evil that the provisional government had sense enough to restore the pow famous Mont de Piete, as the State Pawnbroking Department of France is called.

This vast national concern is run in the interests of the poor under direct control of the government. It is a kind of state bank, receiving deposits from the people on which it now pays about four per cent. in- buy the furnishings for their quarterest, and it lends money at nine ters. Uncle Sam only furnishes the per cent.

lend money on goods in Faris or in any other part of France. This is a state monopoly conducted as we shall see with machine-like precision. Than the first year's salary and exwith no unseemly hagging, no permanent slow burry, no discourtesy and no inkindness. The Mont de Plete ntake into safe-keeping and storage oughta't to be atred. As malden she seller at the approach of spring; grase, she used to strike his fancy; and takes charge of the "fountain" now aims! it is his face. Houton Herof the iced drink peddler when chilly aid. October warns him his trade is at an end. It will lend the out-of-work laborer sixty cents on his tools that he may go here and there in search of employment.

The headquarters of the institution are in the Rue des Blanc-Manteaux, and there are two great branches of succursales, one in the Rue Roquetaparte. The latter is the more im- ever failure. Edward Everett Hale. portant and is somewhat incongrucusly placed near that noble institution the Ecole des Beaux Arts. One enters through a passage leading into an open court surrounded on all sides by the various buildings of the Mont de Piete. On the left, as you enter, is the department of "Degagements," where the prosperous redeem their pledges. Next comes the hall of "Engagements," where articles are received and beyond that the immense auction room where unredeemed pledges are sold.

It is curious to observe that although crowds are present in the size of his fees." various departments, pledging, redeeming or buying at auction, there is up noise or excitement and certainly no confusion. It is an anxious crowd but a silent one which passes about the counters of the receiving department. Here is an artisan out of work, a dry goods clerk, an elegantly dressed lady "pawning" her sables instead of putting them into cold storage for the summer. The whole transaction is looked upon as most matter-of-fact. Parcels handed across the counter are taken to an inner room to be valued by the appraiser who never so much 45 sees the applicant. The first parcel is perhaps a christening set of silver cup, fork and spoon. The valuer turns to his little weighing machine, weighs the silver, tests it and dispassionately calls out "Twenty-five."

A malacca cane follows with a top alleged to be gold. It is rubbed on a test stone, flicked with acid and promptly denounced as an imposter-Diamond rings and brooches go through most searching examinations. There is no sentiment.

ARMY OFFICER'S CLOTHES.

When Commissioned Mart Spend a Thousand Dollars for an Outfit.

How a sild you like to be forced to make \$1,000 for Polling whether you had the mount of wanted to or man? This is what an army officer writee has to do much oftener than Hice, says the Kaneas City Star, Le does not happen to have the dy rush rand many of them do have It), he is formed by army affect to buy recought clothes on to be out firm a men.

is an army meret, but some of Benfennats, fresh from West the real's ago, have only reby Millshod paying for their first wheth or clothes. Their salvais is that their crudit is good with tallors who eater to the army tinde. All the uniforms are state it is nothing out of the my for liberlothes on the install-If him That is one part of the my officer's life that will probably appear very romantic especially the women. But the rigid requireliming it decreasers for the offi-

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The pay of a second Reutemant is. "I'm year. One of the first things to do on pacelying his comhen to to ht blimest with ein ; at the required resultations. In first place he has to have service ocean of oilys deals and khuld for ser and winter wenr. There t be one kind for cervice while righted and another kind white it. ated. It requires not less than r khaki uniforms of wash goods field service. These are transcrst we while dismounted and the r. ibreezhoù With the service andm go the boots, shoes, pinalin line, cap, service hat, suitale anket to match, uniform, lessuerappeart and a few other things.

Then there are dress uniforms of as cloth, one for mounted and anher for dismounted service, with eatch its food. sek boots and black shows, capand, overcost, hat and believe, there must be two sets for whiter all the different antiorms. Then case the official dress uniforms for ognited and dismounted services With the official dress go gold shoulder knots and a belt of gold, confina about \$50; cap, but, putent leather shoes and boots. Next are the white nits for summer, with white shoes nd cap. Then comes the social full dress uniform for evening wear, with hat, patent leather boots and she's, purely for social affairs.

"hese are not all. There must be a mess lacket, raincoat of a certain color, and flannel shirts. The officers have to furnish their own horses, enddles and blankets. They have to pay their own board and for fuel and lights. They even have to shelter and the commission. Even No private person is allowed to the officers' trunks have to be of a regulation size. All these things mean an investment of about \$2,000 at lead, to begin with. This is more

A Striking Change, deed with its auxiliary offices in She used to strike his fancy in the every quarter of the great city of days of long ago, as homeward from Paris and "succursales" or branches the achoolboxs they strolled in the throughout the provincial cities is afterslow, he courted her and wed beyond doubt a very real boon to her, but they weren't nicely paired, millions of humble folk. It will and things inter happened, well, they the stove of the street chustnut- was quiet, full of comellness and

Advice to the Middle-Aged.

After you are 40, you may, if you recent a foot, choose your own rules year own medicine and your own food. But you will find that the more you are in the open air and the more you are with other people the better you will succeed. You will also find that there is nothing gained by broading

Little Left of the Rubicon.

By a traveler in Italy the Rdbicon the famous river crossed by Julius Cheshr, is described as "the merest trickle of a stream, in which it would be quite impossible for a man to drown himself."

Sizing Him Up. "Do you regard that expert witness as a successful man?" asked one alienist, "It depends," answered the other, "on whether you measure him by the amount of his learning or the

Holy Cross Day.

Holy Cross day, September 14, is a name sometimes applied to the festival of the exaltation of the cross which commemorates the restoration of the cross to Jerusalem in 628.

In Pleasant Fetters.

A Kirkcaldy (Scotland) policeman has been getting married. The carringe in which he returned from the manse bore the placard: "Handcuffed for life-with no reprieve."

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Devil Fish of Great Size. Devil fish weighing up to 200 pounds are sometimes caught in Japan. These fish are amphibious; they are often seen wobbling on their tentacles like giant spiders in search of patches of sweet potatoes. The natives kill them with clubs. In the water they are eacght in jars lowered to the bottom, which the octopus enters thinking them a good retreat from which to

Friends and Enemies.

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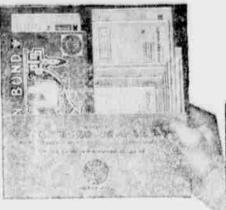
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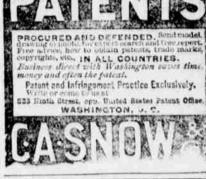
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